

## **BREED STANDARD COMMITTEE – PROPOSED CHAIRS**

- Tim Garrison, FL

In 1954, at the age of 3, my parents made the unfortunate mistake of buying a collie puppy of Lodestone lineage to help me get over my fear of dogs. They grew to regret that decision in later years! Growing up, we always had collies as family pets and in 1963 I began showing “my collie” of Tri-Sab and Mar-Ha lineage in obedience. The first litter arrived a year later under the Eaglehill prefix. I worked for Frank and Nola Medenwald as a kennel boy at Eaglehill during high school and in 1969 I officially took over the Eaglehill prefix (registered in 1953) when Frank passed away. I have been a member of the Collie Club of America since 1967. Over my tenure with the CCA I have been fortunate to serve the club in various functions, from chairing/serving on committees to writing articles for “The Bulletin.” In 1978, I proposed the first “health survey” to the CCA along with Mary Jo Franco. The questions were summarily dismissed as not relevant at the time! Subsequently, I would be involved in the “Health Committee” for many years until the advent of the CHF. I served as a corporator for the Collie Health Foundation for many years and represented the CCA as the breed health representative to the AKC Health Foundation from its inception until 2003.

After completing my BS in Animal Science from Purdue University in 1973 and post graduate work in Medical Genetics from Ind. University School of Medicine, I received my professional “handler’s card” for collies and Shetland sheepdogs (back then you were approved to handle on a breed by breed basis). Along with my former wife, Bertha((Frank) Garrison, we specialized in showing collies and Shetland sheepdogs during the 70s and 80s including many of both breed’s top winning specials. We also continued an active collie breeding program, primarily under the Bandor prefix.

During my handling career, I finished breeds in the Herding, Working, Non-Sporting, Terrier and Toy groups, including all three varieties of Poodle, my “other” breed. I am proud to have bred and owned Award of Merit winners at both the Collie Club of America and the Poodle Cub of America over the years. In 1981 I was granted my judges license for collies but became inactive a few years later to return to my handling career, requesting reinstatement in 1991.

I presented at many seminars and workshops during the 70’s and 80’s including United Collie Clubs of the Midwest (UCCOM), Tri-State Symposium, Collie Club of Western Pennsylvania Symposium, Collie Club of America Symposium, Collie College and numerous breed and all-breed clubs on genetics, coat color inheritance, grooming and handling. I also conducted weekly handling classes for Central Indiana Kennel Club, Trap Falls Kennel Club, Elm City Kennel Club and Paws’N’Effect training center. In addition, I was a featured columnist for Collie Cues and Collie Expressions and a contributing author for Collie Concept.

My other club affiliations have been Indiana Collie Club (President and board member), Central Indiana Shetland Sheepdog Club (board member), Central Indiana Kennel Club (founding member, President and board member), Poodle Club of Central Indiana (President and board member), Elm City Kennel Club (board member) and Quinniapiac Poodle Club (board member).

In the “real career” world I have been a research scientist in the field of medical research since 1975 with positions in government and the private sector. I retired from Bayer Pharmaceutical in 2006 as a Senior Research Scientist, directing a laboratory devoted to developing animal models of human disease, reducing/refining/replacing animals in research and in vitro pre-toxicology screening.

- **Adria Weiner, CA N – Edenrock Collies**

My name is Adria Weiner and I have been asked by our President, Gwen Means, to serve on The Breed Standard Committee. I am a long time member of the CCA, an AKC Judge, and breeder/owner of Edenrock Collies. I have devoted almost 60 years to collies. Our family moved frequently due to my husband’s military service, and our collies moved right along with us. This gave me the opportunity to become friends with many collie breeders across the country, appreciate the differences in type and learn from great mentors over the years.

I have been active in local collie clubs throughout the country and had the pleasure of judging intersex at our National Specialty in 2005.

It would be my honor to serve on this important Committee and I ask that you approve my nomination.

#### **NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED BY DISTRICT DIRECTORS - COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- **Leigh Cohen – Atelier Collies**

Collies are the only dog I have ever owned, with the exception of one sheltie, since my early childhood. I grew up voraciously reading Collie Cues and treasure my late father’s copy of Evolution of The Collie.

1998 – Attended my 1 st The Gathering at Sunnybank, 1999 - Attended 1 st National.

- Collie Health Foundation: Became member and volunteer. Hosted fundraisers at NJ home. 2013 Recipient of 1 st CHF NOAH Award for Outstanding Service & Dedication to the Collie.

- Collie Club of Northern New Jersey, Inc. Became member. Show secretary - 2003, 2004 and 2014, 2018, 2019 and 2020. In 2005, organized and co-chaired Breeding Seminar with speaker Mary Wells. Am on the trophy committee, Clamor newsletter editor and have designed the ads for the specialty catalog. Stewarded at specialties and matches. Current board member. Recently worked with Gerrie Oliver to write proposal to make The Collie - the State Dog of New Jersey.

2003 - Collie Club of America: Became member. 2009 AKC CCA Meet the Breeds, NY, hosted by CCNNJ – designed banner/space and volunteered. 2013 – 2018: CCA Breed Education Committee member and the Mentor Liaison at National’s. Honored to have worked with an amazing group of people on such notable seminars as 2015 Canine Reproduction and Virtual Lab, 2016 Illusion vs Realty: The Collie Head, 2017 CCA Interviews In A Box series, featuring Janet Hitt, Helga Kane, and 2018 It’s All Greek To Me, The Collie Standard. 2016 – CCA Fundraiser for the Take The Lead Foundation, Churchill Downs – Event Designer and Coordinator.

2004 – Collie Rescue Foundation: Organized the 1 st “Rescue Me” Ball Evening Gala and Auction.

2006 - Tuff Quest: Board Member. CCNNJ Co-Chair - Organized and Raised over \$5,000.00 for Tuff Quest with Handling Seminar by John Buddie and Evening Gala.

2008 – Finished 1 t Champion. Wrote 1st article for Collie Expressions Feb/March 2008 issue.

2010 - CCA #1 Smooth: Co-owner, dog.

2011 – CCA Smooth Bitch AOM CCA and Winner Stud Dog Class: Co-Owner.

2012 - CCA AOM/Smooth Bitch, Winner - Smooth Stud Dog Class: Co-Owner.

2013 – CCA #1 Smooth, Co-owner, bitch. CCA Smooth RWD/ Best Smooth Puppy Dog & Smooth 2nd Place/Bred-By- Exhibitor: Co-Breeder/Owner. CCA BOS/BV Rough, Bitch: Co-Owner.

2013 - Solicited Stories and published “Candy, Her Life in Collies” – A Collection of Stories and Reflections in Memory of Candy Wisnieski. Proceeds benefited various collie charities in her memory. AKC Meet The Breeds, NYC – Volunteered with Ramapo Kennel Club.

- **Mary Wells, CA N – Blossom Hill Collies**

Biography of Mary H. Wells, Blossom Hill Collies submitted 8/26/2019

- Collie Club of America Member since 1973
- Collie Club of Northern CA member for over 30 yrs. President of CCNC for about 16 yrs.
- Approved to judge Collies 1993. Also judge 8 other breeds in the Herding Group.
- Judged BOB and BOVs at the CCA National 2016. Also have judged the Canadian Nation and Specialties in Australia and Denmark.
- Presented seminars on Collies in the USA, Australia, and Canada.
- Trophy Chair for CCA National twice.
- Bred over 80 Champions both rough and smooth, including Ch. Blossom Hill Full Circle ROM (smooth) who holds the record in Collies for All Breed Best in Shows at 28. Other wins include: 37 Specialty Bests of Variety, 3 National Specialty Awards of Merit, 3 Westminster Kennel Club Bests of Variety with Herding Group 4th in 2001 and 2002. In 2003 at the CCA National, Best of Variety Smooth and Best Opposite Sex to Best of Breed. In 2007, as a Veteran, she placed First in 8-11yr olds and earned another Award of Merit.
- Other National wins include Ch. Blossom Hill Barely Bronze (Smooth), Best Opposite Sex to the Variety at the 2001 and 2002 CCA National with Awards of Merit in 2000, 2004, 2005, 2006, and in 2007. He is also a multiple Best of Variety and Best of Breed Specialty Show winner.
- In 1985 and 1986 Bred and exhibited rough collie Ch. Blossom Hill Blew By You to numerous BOVs and Group wins, with 3 All Breed Best in Shows.

- **Connie DuBois, FL – Sylvan Collies**

I have been Blessed to be a part of this breed for 37 years competitively. Before that, I grew up on our farm with our collies as my companions. I have bred and raised over 100 collie champions including BOB, AOM CCA winners, multiple BISS winners and record holding all breed Best In Show collies. I have been actively involved with the CCA since 1986 and the Greater Tampa Bay Collie Club since 1983. I have my judging license for collies. In addition, I am on the CCA Judges Education committee and have conducted and participated in multiple judges education events and mentored upcoming judges in our breed.

My professional career consists of being a vertebrate zoologist/food scientist and working for a Fortune 500 company for the past 25 years. In this company I have extensive experience with Project Management and diverse team application which make million dollar decisions for the company with which I work. I am well versed in animal welfare practices and have travelled around the US as well as the world and viewed animal handling/harvesting practices. In addition to 15 years management experience of over 30 associates, I have excellent presentation skills and highly effective communication skills, both verbal and written. I am

looking forward to bringing my skill set to this Collie Standard subcommittee to help future judges understand our breed and clarify sable merles.

- **Roxann Heit, KS – Timeless Collies**

Tim Garrison contacted me and asked if I would serve on the Standard Review Committee, I gladly accepted and my bio is attached.

I have been involved in the Collie breed 30 years and through this time I and my husband, Dale Heit have created a successful breeding program while producing several National winners and ROM producers with the Timeless Name. We are members of the Collie Club of America, the Central Kansas Collie Club, the Central Oklahoma Collie Club and the Wichita Kennel Club. I began judging in 2011 to further commit to the benefit of the Collie breed as a judge, breeder and mentor.

In chairing many committees we realize the importance of staying within a budget through planning and implementation.

As a Co-Chair and Committee Chair I am dedicated to responsibly plan and organize every aspect in relation to the committee I serve on. To always work towards common goals in the best interest of the Collie Club of America and the Collie in general.

The preservation of the Collie breed is very important to me whereas expression, temperament, balance and type take precedence during selection for breeding as well as judging.

I am involved in each of our local clubs participating in planning the annual specialty shows. Within the local Central Kansas Collie Club I have served in every office and aspect of the club. I have been the Show Chair since 1999 organizing and coordinating the annual specialty shows. I have served as Committee Chair and on Committees for the National Specialty show chairing the Grooming in 2005 and 2010 in Oklahoma while serving as Trophy Chair and assisting my sister as Show Chair at CCA 2000 in Wichita, Kansas. I have chaired and organized the Top Twenty Invitational a number of years. I am currently serving as a liaison on the National Specialty Committee. With the loss of Sylvie Lingenfelter, I have taken on the role of Co-Chair for CCA 2015 with Rick Lingenfelter to be held In Oklahoma City.

I am employed at a small airplane manufacturing company as the HR and Payroll Manager while also overseeing the accounts receivable and payables for the company. I feel every day and every opportunity is a learning experience and the choices we make dictate our lives. We all have the choice to better ourselves and to move forward by having an open mind to learn. To

benefit from those that came before us while we leave a path to follow for those that choose to have the same outlook.

- **Erin Gorney – TX – Aiden Collies**

My husband and I acquired our first rough collie in 2001 and our first smooth in 2002 and we have been hooked on the breed since! I have finished the conformation championships on 7 dogs to date, 4 of those bred by us under the Aidan Collie kennel name, handled another of our dogs to group placements, wins, and a best in show, and continue to show at both specialty and all breed shows. I have also trained and shown collies in performance events such as rally, obedience, herding, agility, and flyball. I have served as both the secretary and president for the South Texas Collie Club. At the national level, I have served on numerous committees, including acting as the performance liaison on the CCA's National Show committee, and currently serve on the Working Collie Committee and the Breeder of the Year Committee. I also served as Director at Large on the CCA Board and am currently the District Director for Texas. I look forward to continuing to serve the CCA on this committee if approved.

- **Marianne Sullivan – VA - Millknock Collies**

I showed my first Collie as a teenager, many moons ago! I'm a 50 year member of the Collie Club of America. I've served in the past as District Director for 10 years, I was on the Ethics Committee for revision of the code of ethics, I've been on the editorial staff of the CCA Bulletin for a number of years. I'm also a Quarter Century Group member and a member/board member of the Charlottesville Albemarle Kennel Club for nearly 20 years and am proud to say one of the founders/past board/past president of the Collie Rescue Foundation.

Millknock is a small kennel, averaging just a litter a year, producing 38 plus champions, almost exclusively owner handled. I've also bred about 70 performance titled Collies at the highest levels of obedience, herding, agility, rally and more with nearly half of those being breed champions. In the past I've been a writer and photographer for Collie Expressions Magazine and I've written the AKC Gazette breed column since 2007. In 2013 I was the recipient of the Dog Writer Assoc. Maxwell Award for best online column.

I'm also an AKC licensed judge of Collies and Junior Showmanship for the last five years and have had the honor to judge all over the country.

- **Candace Hunter – WA – Tercan Collies**

Collies took over my life in Jr High when I saw a Collie in the crowd at a parade in Anaconda MT. I didn't even get within 30 feet of that dog but I was hooked. When I graduated High School getting a Collie was paramount.

That was over 30 years ago and I have not been without a Collie since.

Since then I have had a lot of ups and downs in breeding and showing dogs and never gave them up even in the 'off brand' ramen days. I have re-started multiple times, learned more than I can remember at this point, but still get that buzz of excitement about thinking about the next litter. I especially appreciate the progress in the breed both in type and health as the years go by.

I have been a CC of A member for over 25 years. I count my blessings in success with 27 Champions bred and/or owned during the past 3 decades along with being named the CCA Smooth Breeder of the Year in 2015 and Smooth co-Breeder of the year in 2018. I have also been blessed with friends and partners in breeding that have all helped in my journey with Collies. I was the Advertising Editor for the CCA Yearbook for several years and also took on the role of Yearbook Editor for a couple of years. Collies permeate my hobbies as well through my photography and fine art work.

My goal as a breeder and fancier have always been to do no harm and to preserve and protect the Collie. I look forward to serving the breed in whatever way possible.